Conference of Power Ministers

2752. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had called a conference of the State power ministers to discuss about the slippages in the capacity addition in the power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the problems being faced by various State Government's in commissioning new power plants and the steps being taken to solve the problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Conference of Power Ministers of States was held on 15th November, 2009 at New Delhi to discuss following issues:-

(v) Capacity Addition;

(vi) Open Access;

(vii) Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana; and

(viii) Re-structured APDRP.

After detailed discussion, a Resolution was adopted at the end of the conference incorporating the steps to be taken to expedite progress in Capacity Addition and facilitate implementation of RGGVY, R-APDRP and Open Access.

Ministry of Power has been actively interacting with and monitoring through meetings/discussions with BHEL as well as with State Power Utilities regularly, to expedite commissioning of new power plants as per schedule and to prevent slippages.

Power allocation to Kerala

2753. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken any measures to allot a share from unallocated quota of power from the central power generating stations for Kerala;

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to restore special allocation from Talcher II to 180 MW for the State; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The unallocated power in Central Generating Stations (CGSs), kept at the disposal of the Government, is allocated on a dynamic basis to meet the seasonal and overall requirement of States/UTs. The quantum of this power being fixed and limited, enhancement in allocation to one or more State(s)/UT(s) is carried out by equivalent reduction in the allocation of other beneficiaries. There is no specific share of unallocated power allocated to any state.

(b) and (c) Keeping in view the request of Government of Kerala for allocation of 180 MW cheaper power for pooling with the power of Kayamkulam Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Plant, 180 MW power from the unallocated power of Talcher STPS-II was allocated to Kerala on 29.10.2005, for the above purpose, which was subsequently renewed *vide* order dated 16th May, 2007. While the